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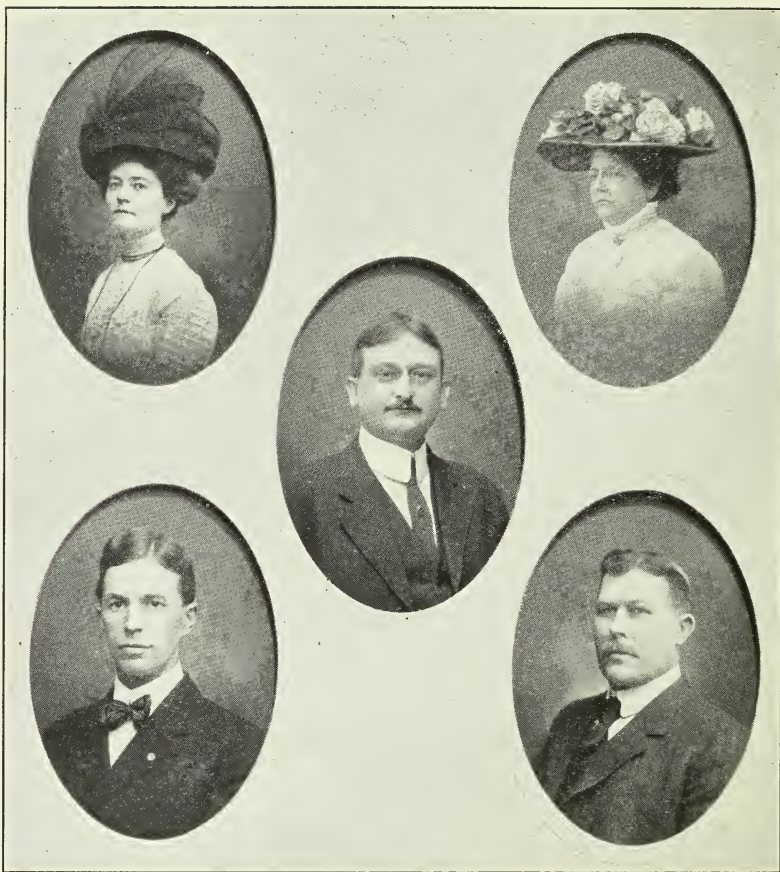
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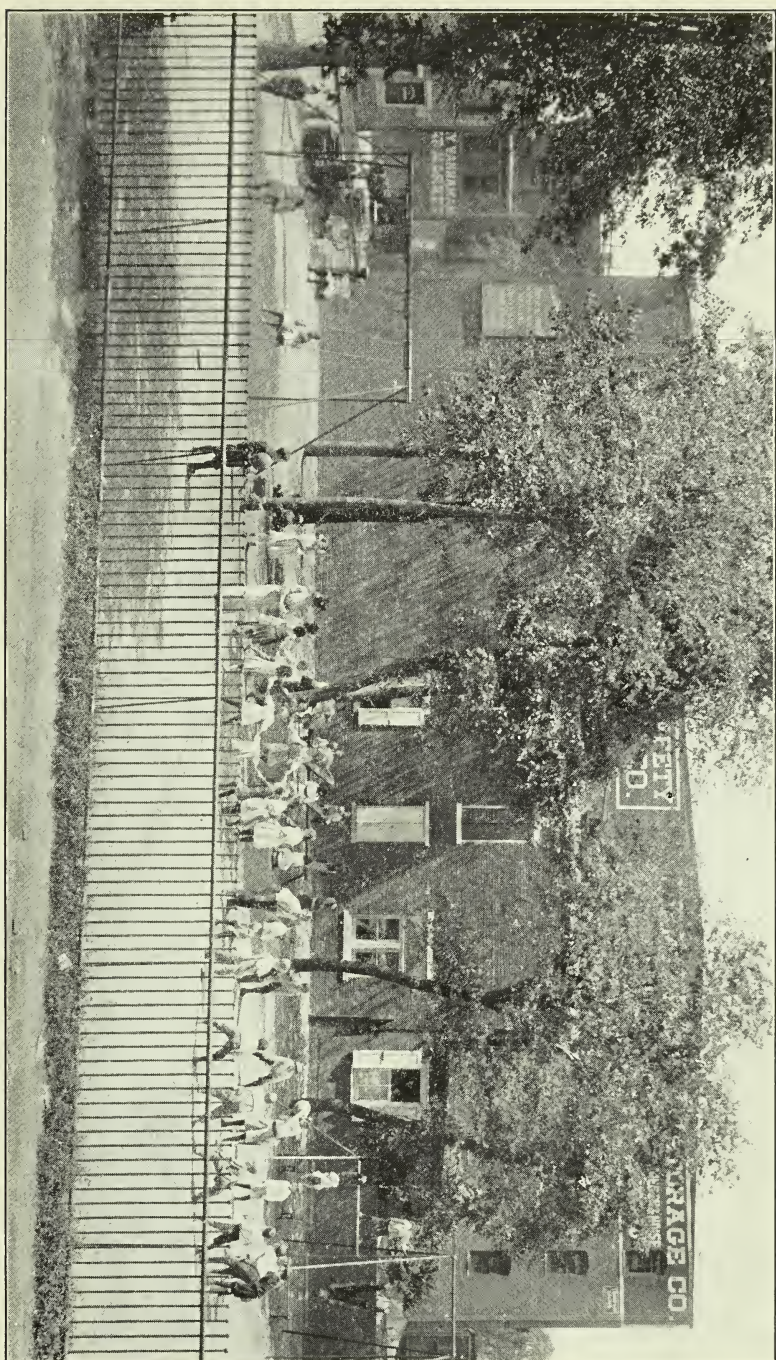
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ANNUAL REPORT.

HON. CHARLES H. ELLIS,

Mayor of Camden.

SIR:—The Board of Playground Commissioners herewith presents its first annual report for the year ending May 1st, 1910. Before detailing the work done by the Board in that period, it would seem appropriate briefly to review the inception and development of the playground movement in Camden.

About two years ago the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Camden, recognizing the necessity of providing facilities for public recreation for children, and feeling that the time was ripe for some one to make the start, authorized their Physical Director to proceed with a plan to establish public playgrounds. He enlisted the co-operation of a number of public-spirited men and women, and these met with the Board of Directors at a special meeting to consider how the widest scope could be given to the movement.

At this meeting it was decided to organize the "Playground Association of Camden." An executive committee was appointed. Mr. Wilbur F. Rose was elected president and Mr. P. C. Messersmith, the Physical Director of the Young Men's Christian Association, was elected secretary. The Playground Association raised eight hundred and fifty-three dollars and ninety-one cents in popular subscriptions. With this sum two school yards were equipped, supplied with modern play-

ground apparatus, and adequately supervised during July and August, 1908. That this work was successful was attested by the large number of happy children who used the playgrounds, an attendance of over 36,000 being registered for the two months that the grounds remained open.

This experiment having proved the city's need of playgrounds and their benefit to the community, the city authorities were urged to make provision for such grounds as a permanent feature of the municipal government and you incorporated such a recommendation in your annual message to City Council.

Taking advantage of an Act of the Legislature of 1909, introduced in the Senate by the Hon. William J. Bradley, of this city, your Honor, on April 29th, 1909, sent to City Council the nominations of five members of the Board of Playground Commissioners, as follows: Three years term, Upton S. Jefferys; two years term, Mrs. Stephen Pfeil, Mr. P. C. Messersmith; one year term, Mrs. Richard G. Develin, W. Leonard Hurley. The nominations were immediately confirmed. By the creation of this Board the playground movement was given official recognition, being put upon a permanent basis as a part of the city government, thereby advancing Camden into the class of progressive cities making provision for the physical and moral development of the rising generation.

Impressed at the start with the responsibility thrust upon us and with but a few weeks in which to fit up playgrounds and organize the work for the season of 1909, we entered upon the arduous duties with some misgivings as to our ability to accomplish results that would meet the popular expectations. The limited time did not permit of visits to other cities to inspect

playgrounds and methods of management from which much might have been learned to the benefit of Camden. However, the experience which two members of the Board had obtained in the Playground Association work of the previous season proved of practical value.

The Board of Playground Commissioners held its first meeting on May 13th, 1909, with all the members present. Organization was effected by the election of Upton S. Jefferys president and P. C. Messersmith secretary. The Playground Association offered to turn over its apparatus for a nominal sum, which offer was accepted. This apparatus was put to good use in one of the school yards.

A tour of the city was at once made to inspect the school yards and other sites for playgrounds. We were surprised to find how few sites were available in the more congested sections of Camden. Most of the school yards were found too small to be useful as summer playgrounds. A selection was made of the larger yards, with due regard for location and neighborhood needs, and upon application being made to the Board of Education the use of these school yards during the vacation period was granted. A little later the Board of Playground Commissioners was requested to equip and maintain a playground at Pyne Poynt Park, which request was complied with, and this ground proved to be the most popular of all the playgrounds.

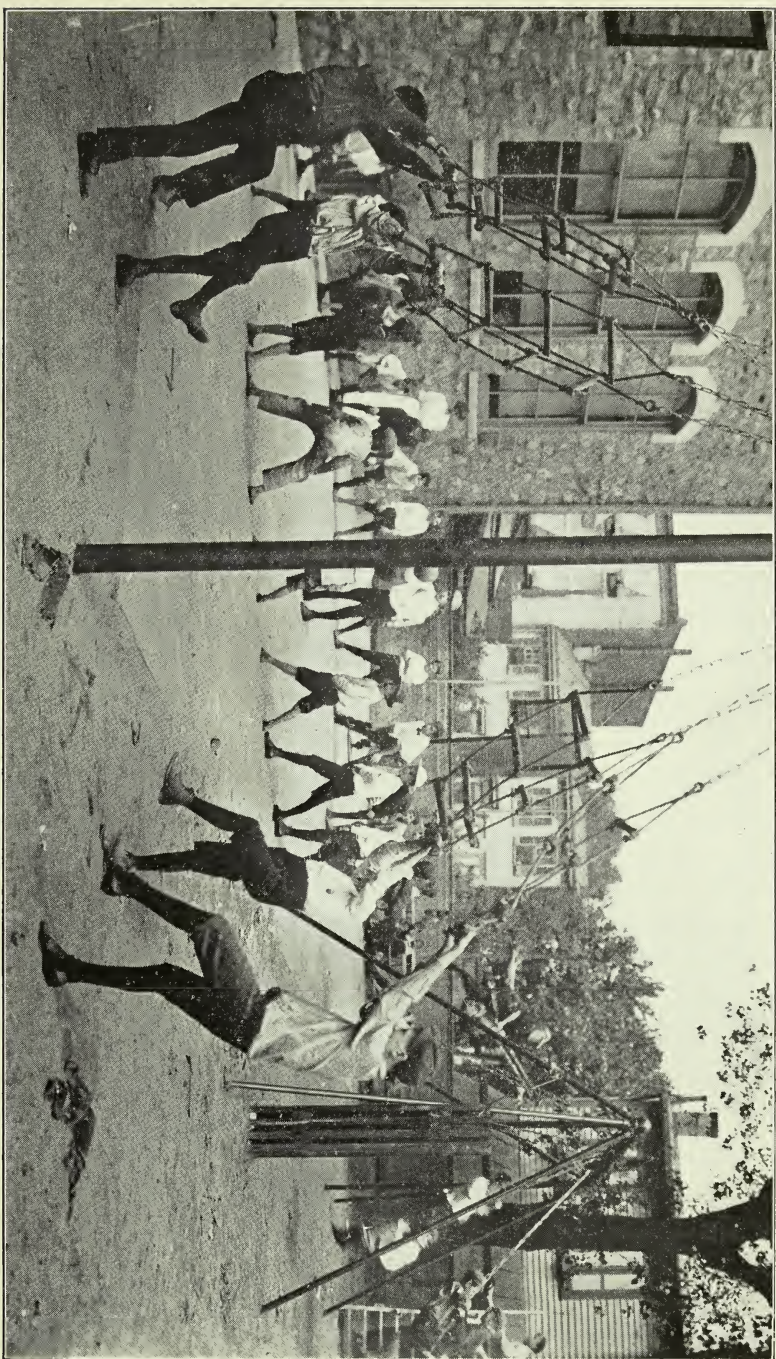
An emergency appropriation of \$2,000 being provided by City Council, the Board was able to at once order the necessary playground apparatus made and have it set up in readiness for use when the vacation period commenced. So far as we were able to do so in an economical expenditure of our appropriation, preference was given to Camden merchants and workmen.

The apparatus devised and set up by local artisans has proved satisfactory and was installed at less cost than we would have had to pay to firms outside the State. The emergency appropriation referred to was later included in the regular appropriation of \$5,000, the total amount available for the fiscal year.

While the work of equipping the grounds was going on the more serious problem of engaging directors had to be solved. The Board found that Camden could furnish but few of either sex who were experienced in playground work. Public announcements that positions were open to this class brought few applicants residing in Camden, but quite a number from Philadelphia who had taken special training in playground work. Miss A. F. Mowbray, an instructor of much experience, who had directed one of the two playgrounds operated by the Playground Association in 1908, was engaged as supervisor, the duties of which position she filled with marked ability and credit. There was little time to drill, or to rehearse teaching methods, before the directors were sent to the playgrounds.

On July 7th, 1909, four school yards were opened as public playgrounds, as follows: Genge School, Arch, Sixth and Market streets; Kaighn School, Fifth and Chestnut streets; Mickle School, Fillmore street below Ferry avenue; Mt. Vernon School (colored), Mt. Vernon street above Broadway. Pyne Poynt Park, which was under lease to the city, was also utilized as a playground.

The children had been on the *qui vive* for days prior to the opening of these grounds and flocked into them with shouts of glee. At the very beginning the popularity of the playgrounds was attested and continued public interest was manifested by a large attendance until the



MICKLE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

close of the vacation period necessitated their closing, on September 4th.

The Pyne Poynt Playground was continued in use, with a male instructor in charge, until October 23d. It was found to be well patronized even after the school term commenced. At the noon hour many boys and young men from nearby industrial establishments used the play apparatus and as soon as school hours were over public school pupils flocked there. The sand pile and swings were in use all day by little children.

While the Board has been constrained to use the school yards as playgrounds and will continue to do so to meet the neighborhood needs in congested districts, during the vacation period, we do not consider that they fulfill the public requirement which is for permanent playgrounds, recreation centers and athletic fields, which may be used all the year. The school yard at best is but a makeshift. Playgrounds are now a recognized public necessity in the larger cities and should be provided for permanent use, just as public squares and parks have been provided. Some cities are so fortunate as to have had donations of land from public-spirited citizens for playground use, but generally the grounds are obtained by purchase or condemnation by the municipality. But, however obtained, there is obvious need of two or more large permanent public playgrounds in Camden, one to be located in the northern and the other in the southern section of the city. In North Camden, Pyne Poynt Park affords an almost ideal site, while in South Camden an available site can be had, at small cost, by the city purchasing or condemning the lowland on Broadway adjacent to Line Ditch and filling it up to grade. Bonds can be issued under the Playground Act for the purchase of land. We respectfully urge your Honor to recommend to

City Council that the city acquire by purchase, or by a long term lease, at least two playground sites during the coming fiscal year. The Board of Playground Commissioners would be warranted in equipping these sites for continuous and permanent playground use.

Since the Camden base ball park has been dismantled the need for an athletic ground for use by the older boys and young men is keenly felt.

The State law requires the municipality to supply necessary quarters for the Board of Playground Commissioners. This Board was homeless for a month after its appointment, being compelled to meet at members' residences. Being informed that there was no room for us in the City Hall, we obtained, upon your recommendation, permission from the Public Library Trustees to use one large room in the second story of the Cooper Branch Library building. This room, however, is also used by social organizations having no official connection with the city government. Without some alterations, which we are not permitted to make, the room is not suitable for the use of the Board, even if such use were not restricted and of uncertain duration. The Board's work will be more or less hampered until adequate permanent quarters are provided. We ask for such quarters in the City Hall, or elsewhere, as City Council may deem fit.

In conclusion, we beg leave to acknowledge the deep and sympathetic interest in the Board's work manifested by your Honor, and the hearty co-operation given by the Police Department and by city officials in general. The Board of Education and its officials have shown an earnest desire to assist in the playground work and generally it has met with good will and encouragement.

The playgrounds have had no heartier supporter than the public press, particularly the local newspapers,

whose intelligent presentation of the public need and popular desire in connection with the playground movement is warmly appreciated.

UPTON S. JEFFERYS, *President,*

P. C. MESSERSMITH, *Secretary,*

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Board of Playground Commissioners.

CAMDEN, N. J., May 1, 1910.

STATISTICAL REPORT

CAMDEN CITY PLAYGROUNDS

SEASON OF 1909

	OPEN.	Children in Attendance.	Coaches on Grounds.	Parents and Other Adult Visitors to Grounds.
Pyne Poynt Park.....	July 6th to Oct. 23rd....	22,469	561	932
Kaighn school yard.....	July 6th to Sept. 4th....	20,128	334	221
Mickle school yard	July 6th to Sept. 4th....	9,850	174	322
Genge school yard	July 6th to Sept. 4th....	9,341	178	159
Mt. Vernon school yard (colored)	July 6th to Sept. 4th....	5,653	89	287
Total.....	67,441	1,336	1,921

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR.

SEASON OF 1909.

To the Camden Board of Playground Commissioners:

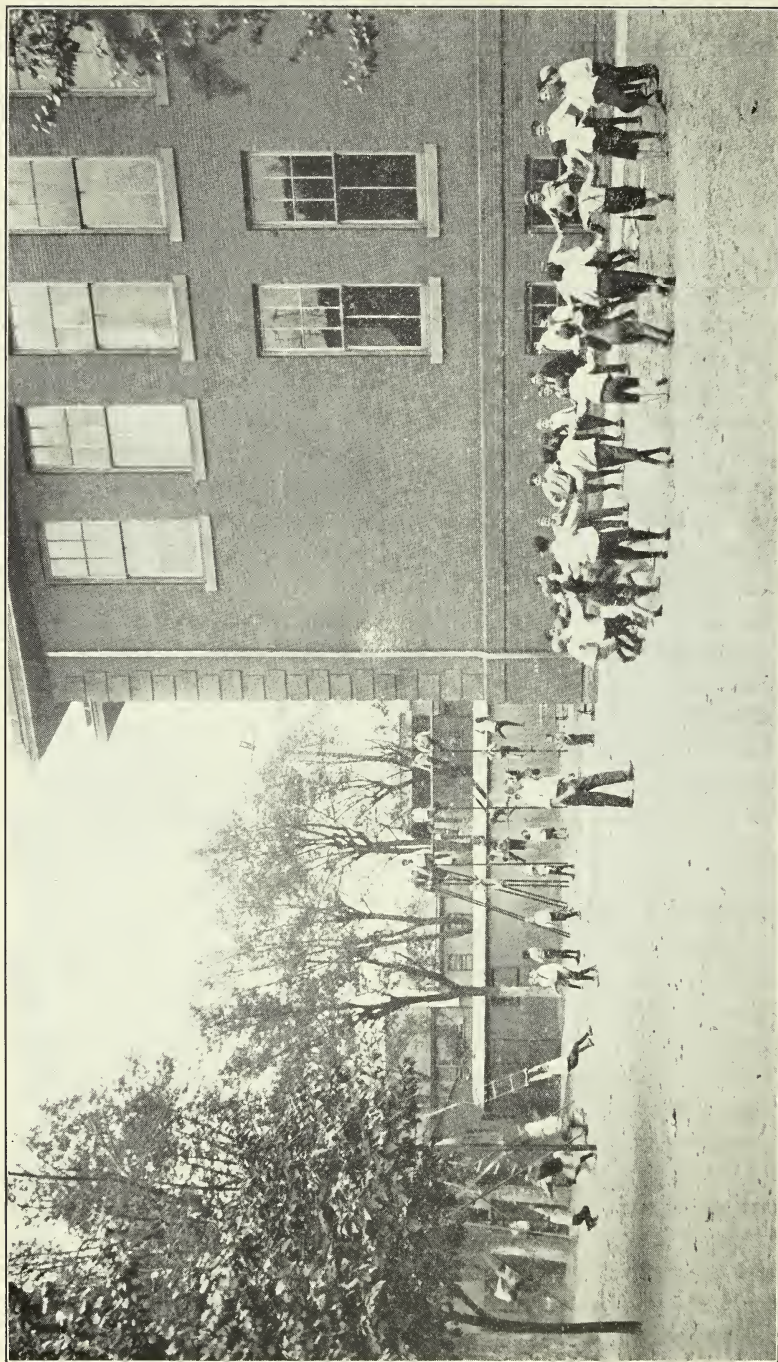
A review of the playground work for the summer of 1909 is encouraging, both from attendance and other results attained.

The attendance was very good, showing the work sufficiently attractive to interest the children. On investigating we found that as a rule when children were absent it was due to work. Few children were away for pleasure.

The playground population was largely cosmopolitan in character, including representatives from all European countries.

The health of the children was excellent and we were exceptionally fortunate in our freedom from any serious accidents. The breakage was done after playground hours. Not one case of damage done maliciously was reported.

It was remarkable to find how little the children knew how to play. It was necessary to teach them. All games taught were conducted according to program, each and every one with an aim (the general uplift of the child), courtesy, politeness, manners, etc. For younger children we engaged in Finger and Sense Plays; guessing, singing and ball games. For older children, Ball, Traditional, Gymnastic, Team or Contest Games. The program was divided into periods of half-hours, in which the teacher alternates the games for older and younger pupils. In this way we are able to teach all. Every child receives the same amount of attention. One hour is devoted to class work, occupation or industrial period. This is exceptionally interesting to the children. They are permitted to take home all articles made, consequently all are anxious to do something in the manual work. The colored children gave the best results in this line. Baskets, picture frames, mats, handbags, slippers, of raffia were made; some few did knitting, weaving and bead work. Many interesting articles of card board sloyd were made. During this period the small children are delighted in cutting soldiers and dolls. One little fellow succeeded in collecting an entire company of infantry, which he mounted on card board, and was proud to exhibit it on our "Industrial Booth." Stormy days we take the children indoors and devote the morning session to telling stories, indoor games and occupation work. During the afternoon session, the teachers meet and discuss the general conditions on different playgrounds and play games, do industrial work, etc. We found this very interesting and beneficial. The playground apparatus was kept in constant use, swings and slides being most in demand. It was amusing to see the long lines of children waiting so patiently for a few minutes ride. The line is constant the entire day.



KAIGHN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND—BOYS

The great value of Playgrounds is not known to the average citizen. We mean "play" far from the sense of simple amusement for the child. We aim in our play to give the child bodily and mental training. The bad habits of the use of tobacco, profanity, selfishness and dishonesty all come before our notice. We try to overcome these evils.

At no place was "tobacco and profanity" more displayed than at Pyne Poynt. It is our hope that the influence on this particular field extended beyond the limits of our Playground. Evidently this was a rendezvous for young toughs who had established themselves here long before the playground. This being an open field, we had considerable trouble, as they resisted any interference on our part. Our aim was to *reform*. We did not order them from the field, but demanded obedience to the Playground Rules. In a short time you could readily see an interest growing in our work. When the closing exercises were held on this field they were the first to give a helping hand.

Selfishness is portrayed more in child's play than anywhere. This we encountered to some extent on all grounds, but more largely on the Kaighn School yard. This ground had an exceptionally large attendance for the area. The first season it was quite difficult to organize games, teams, etc. Nearly all wanted to be selected as leader; but this spirit did not seem to exist this season as I noticed more co-operation and more friendly spirit generally.

We encountered very little dishonesty. This we attribute to our method of keeping watch over our toys. Monitors are selected each morning to look after the different articles. The monitor wears a badge, of which he is very proud, and at stated times during the session he looks after his charge. When pupils leave, or tire of play toys, they hand the toys over to the monitor, who always has another ready at hand to receive them. In this way the teacher is relieved of much interruption and it is easy to keep track of all supplies. But withal we had one case of a boy taking a ball home. In less than fifteen minutes his mother was visited by nine children. She immediately hastened to the playground, only too glad to return the ball.

There was a marked improvement in the cleanliness of our children in two weeks after our opening. The older children are so willing to assist the teacher in fixing up the little ones.

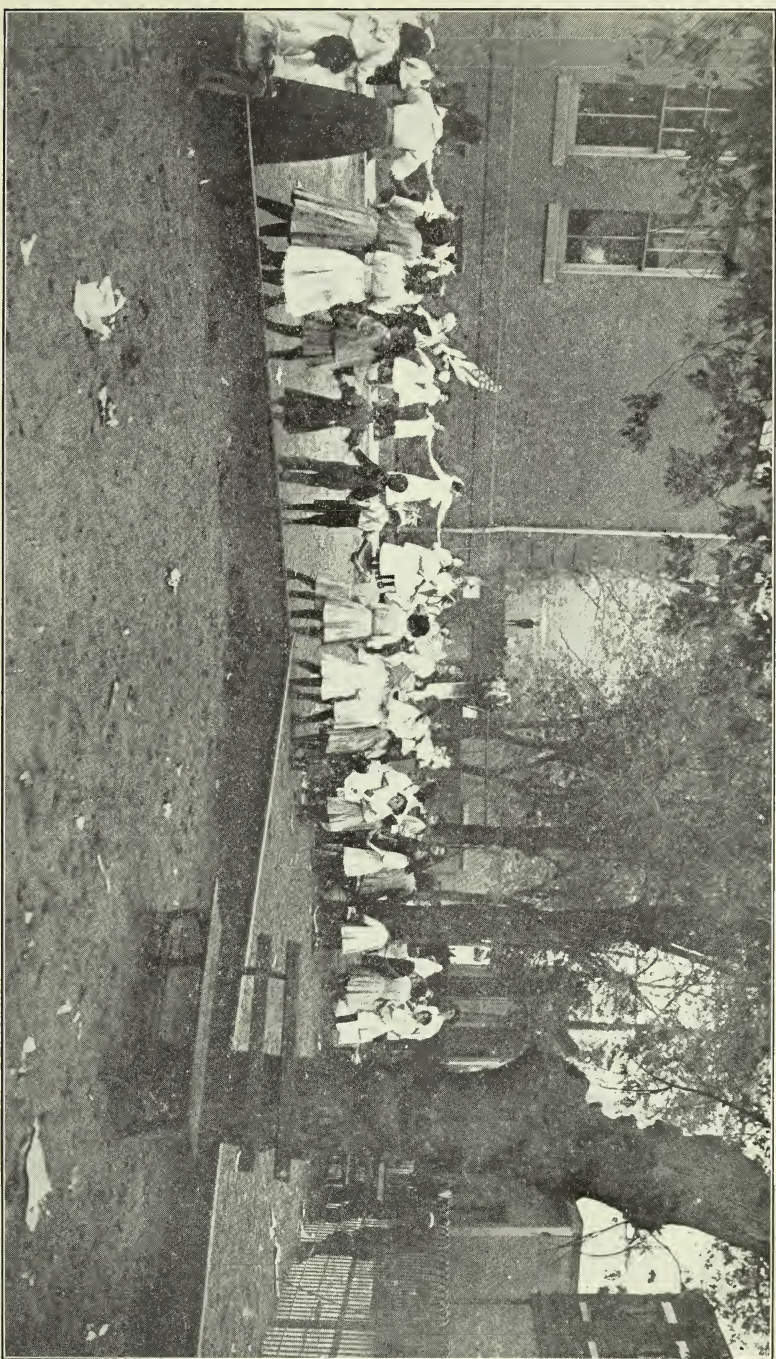
A very enjoyable feature was the Field Day at the close of the season. All the children were transported in cars to the Court House Square, where they were met by the band. It was an inspiring spectacle to witness hundreds of children, each showing the colors of his own playground, marching in a body to Pyne Poyne Park, where a program was given in which every child was represented in game work.

Each ground presented a Mass Drill, Folk Dances, Kindergarten Games, Races and Athletic Sports. Also a decorated booth displaying the best industrial work of each ground. All took delight in decorating their articles with ribbons, etc. This was the pride of the children and very interesting to the parents. At the close refreshments were served each child upon presenting a ticket which he or she had received in the march.

We feel we accomplished much during the season of 1909. The real test of our summer's work will be appreciated in the home and in the school. We hope the playground children are more attentive, obedient and apply themselves better generally.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signed] A. F. MOWBRAY,
Supervisor.



KAIGHN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND—GIRLS

STATE LAWS

APPLYING TO PLAYGROUNDS.

(CHAPTER 117, SESSION OF 1907.)

AN ACT to provide for the establishment of public playgrounds in cities of this State and for the maintenance, control and management thereof.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. In any city of this State the mayor of such city may, in his discretion, appoint three fit and suitable persons, citizens and residents of such city, who shall be confirmed by the common council or other governing body of such city, as commissioners of playgrounds, and who shall constitute and be known as the Board of Playground Commissioners of such city. The commissioners first appointed under this act in any city shall hold office for the term of one, two and three years, respectively, as fixed and designated by the mayor in their respective appointments, and after the first appointments such commissioners shall be appointed for the full term of three years; vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term only. They shall not receive any salary or other compensation for their services.

2. It shall be the duty of such board, from time to time, to select, in different parts and sections of the city for which they are appointed, lands for public playgrounds and recreation places for the children of such city, of such size and dimensions as they shall think suitable, regard being had to the population of the neighborhood, and to cause surveys and maps to be made thereof, together with a careful estimate, as nearly accurate as may be, of the probable cost of acquiring said lands, if it is proposed to purchase or condemn the same, and a statement of the annual rental and duration of term, if it is proposed to lease the same, together with an estimate of the cost of preparing and suitably equipping said lands for playgrounds and recreation places, which surveys, maps and estimates shall be submitted to the common council or other body of such city having control of the finances, with a request that an appropriation be made for the purpose of acquiring or leasing said lands and preparing and suitably equipping the same. If the common council or other body of such city, by resolution, authorize the acquisition of the said lands and appropriate a sum for the purchase and equipment thereof, or authorize the leasing thereof and appropriate a sum for the equipment thereof, the said board shall proceed to acquire said lands by purchase or condemnation, or lease the same as the case may be, and suitably to prepare and equip the same for a playground and recreation ground for children. If the land is condemned and the award exceeds the amount appropriated for its acquisition, the commissioners shall immediately submit the award to the common council or body having control of the finances, and unless they approve the same, shall within twenty days from the filing of the report of the commissioners abandon the condemnation proceedings. In case of condemnation proceedings, either party thereto shall have the right of appeal from the award of the commissioners.

The title to all lands so purchased or taken shall vest in the city, and all leases of lands for the purposes of this act shall be in the name of the city.

3. The Board of Playground Commissioners shall have full control over all lands, playgrounds and recreation places for children acquired or leased under the provisions of this act, and the maintenance and custody thereof, and the policing and preservation of order therein, and may adopt suitable rules, regulations and by-laws for the use thereof, and the conduct of children and other persons while on and using the same, and may enforce the same by suitable penalties. The custodians and assistants appointed by the board shall, while on duty and for the purpose of preserving order and the observance of the rules, regulations and by-laws of the board, have all the powers and authority of police officers of the respective cities in and for which they are severally appointed. The said board may appoint a secretary or clerk and such number of custodians and assistants for the several playgrounds and recreation places as they shall think necessary, but the salaries of all such officers, custodians and assistants shall be fixed and determined by the common council or other body having control of the finances of the city, by ordinance.

4. The common council or body having control of the finances of each city having such playgrounds, shall annually fix, determine and appropriate a sum sufficient for the care, custody, policing and maintenance of such playgrounds and recreation places for children, and for the expenses of the several boards of commissioners, which sum shall be raised by taxation as other taxes are raised in such city. The common council or other body having control of the finances shall provide a suitable office or offices for said board of commissioners of playgrounds.

5. The sum or sums of money necessary to pay for lands purchased or condemned for such playgrounds and recreation places for children may be raised and provided by the common council or body having control of the finances by general taxation, as other taxes are raised and levied, or by the issue of temporary loan bonds, or by the issue of permanent bonds of the particular city. If permanent bonds are issued, they shall be for not less than thirty nor more than fifty years, shall bear interest not exceeding four per centum per annum, and shall be sold at not less than their par value. If permanent bonds are issued, there shall be raised each year by general taxation, by the city issuing the same, as other taxes are raised and levied, a sum sufficient to pay the annual interest and also a sum for a sinking fund for such bonds, sufficient to meet, pay and retire the same at maturity. If temporary loan bonds are issued, they shall be so issued that at least one-fifth thereof shall be due and payable each year, and there shall be raised each year by general taxation a sum sufficient to pay and retire the temporary loan bonds falling due that year.

6. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved May 7, 1907.

(CHAPTER 108, SESSION OF 1908.)

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of public playgrounds in cities of this State and for the maintenance, control and management thereof," approved May seventh, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The title of the act to which this act is an amendment be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: "An act concerning playgrounds and recreation places in cities of this State, and providing for the establishment, equipment, control, use and regulation thereof."

2. The second section of the act to which this act is an amendment be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

2. It shall be the duty of such board, from time to time, to select in different parts and sections of the city for which they are appointed, lands for public playgrounds and recreation places, of such size and dimensions as they shall think suitable, regard being had to the population of the neighborhood, and to cause surveys and maps to be made thereof, together with a careful estimate, as nearly accurate as may be, of the probable cost of acquiring said lands, if it is proposed to purchase or condemn the same, and a statement of the annual rental and duration of term, if it is proposed to lease the same, together with an estimate of the cost of preparing said lands, and of suitably equipping the same, by the erection of buildings, stands, seats and other structures and apparatus, for playgrounds and recreation places, which surveys, maps and estimates shall be submitted to the common council or other body of such city having control of the finances with a request that an appropriation be made for the purpose of acquiring or leasing said lands and preparing and suitably equipping the same. If the common council or other body of such city, by resolution, authorize the acquisition of the said lands and appropriate a sum for the purchase and equipment thereof, or authorize the leasing thereof and appropriate a sum for the equipment thereof, the said board shall proceed to acquire said land by purchase or condemnation, or lease the same, as the case may be, and suitably to prepare and equip the same for a playground and recreation place. If the land is condemned and the award exceeds the amount appropriated for its acquisition the commissioners shall immediately submit the award to the common council or body having control of the finances, and unless they approve the same, shall within twenty days from the filing of the report of the commissioners abandon the condemnation proceedings. In case of condemnation proceedings, either party thereto shall have the right of appeal from the award of the commissioners. The title to all lands so purchased or taken shall vest in the city, and all leases of lands for the purposes of this act shall be in the name of the city.

3. The third section of the act to which this act is an amendment be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

3. The Board of Playground Commissioners shall have full control over all lands, playgrounds and recreation places acquired or leased under the provisions of this act and may adopt suitable rules, regulations and by-laws for

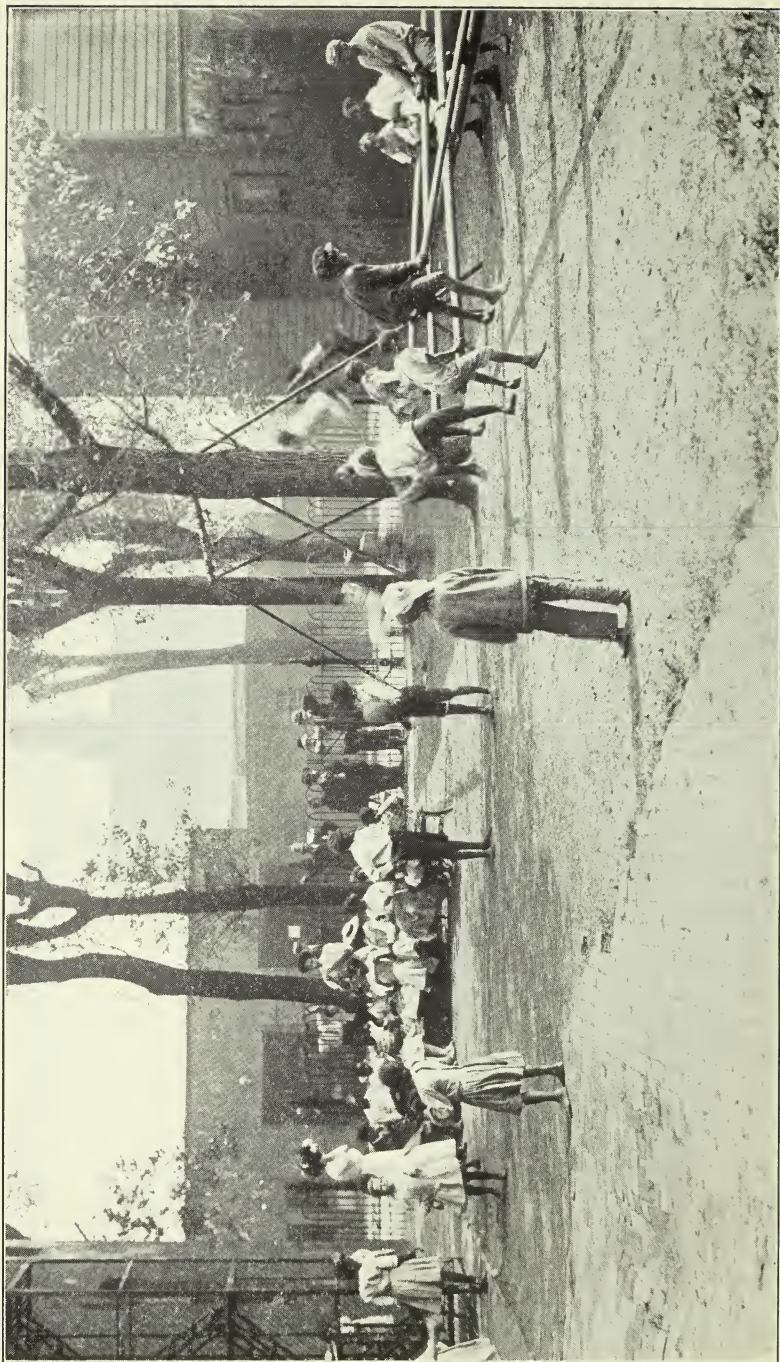
the use thereof, and the conduct of all persons while on or using the same; and any person or persons who shall violate any of such rules, regulations or by-laws shall be deemed and adjudged to be a disorderly person. The custodians and assistants appointed by the board shall, while on duty and for the purpose of preserving order and the observance of the rules, regulations and by-laws of the board, have all the powers and authority of police officers of the respective cities in and for which they are severally appointed. The said board shall have power and authority, in its discretion, to grant permits, from time to time, for the use of the whole or part of any playground or recreation place having an area of at least five acres, for an outdoor exhibition, concert, game or contest, upon such terms or conditions as it may deem proper. The said board may authorize the holder of any such permit to charge and collect an admission fee from each person entering the playground or recreation place to witness such exhibition, concert, game or contest, provided that no such permit shall be given for the use of such ground or place for more than twenty-four hours. The said board may appoint a secretary or clerk and such number of custodians and assistants for the several playgrounds and recreation places as they shall think necessary, but the salaries of all such officers, custodians and assistants shall be fixed and determined by the common council or other body having control of the finances of the city.

4. The fourth section of the act to which this act is an amendment be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

4. The common council or body having control of the finances of each city having playgrounds shall annually fix, determine and appropriate a sum sufficient for the care, custody, policing and maintenance of such playgrounds and recreation places, and for the expenses of the several boards of commissioners, which sum shall be raised by taxation as other taxes are raised in such city. The common council or other body having control of the finances shall provide a suitable office or offices for said boards of commissioners of playgrounds.

5. The fifth section of the act to which this act is an amendment be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

5. The sum or sums of money necessary to pay for lands purchased or condemned for such playgrounds and recreation places and for preparing and equipping the same, from time to time, may be raised and provided by the common council or body having control of the finances by general taxation as other taxes are raised and levied, or by the issue of temporary loan bonds, or by the issue of permanent bonds of the particular city. If permanent bonds are issued they shall be for not less than thirty nor more than fifty years, shall bear interest not exceeding four per centum per annum, and shall be sold at not less than their par value. If permanent bonds are issued there shall be raised each year by general taxation by the city issuing the same, as other taxes are raised and levied, a sum sufficient to pay the annual interest and also a sum for a sinking fund for such bonds, sufficient to meet, pay and retire the same at maturity. If temporary loan bonds are issued, they shall be so issued that at least one-fifth thereof shall be due and payable each year, and there shall be raised each year by general taxation a sum sufficient to pay and retire the temporary loan bonds falling due that year. All moneys received by the said board



MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL PLAYGROUND—(COLORED)

shall be paid over to the city treasurer and be by him kept in a special fund, which shall be used only for the purpose of defraying the expenses of improving, maintaining or policing the playgrounds of the city.

6. The sixth section of the act to which this act is an amendment be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

6. Each section of this act and every part of each section are hereby declared to be independent sections and parts of sections and the holding of any section or part thereof to be void, ineffective or unconstitutional for any cause shall not affect any other section or part thereof; and this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved April 7, 1908.

(CHAPTER 54, SESSION OF 1909.)

A SUPPLEMENT to the act entitled "An act concerning playgrounds and recreation places in cities of this State, and providing for the establishment, equipment, control, use and regulation thereof," approved May seventh, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The Board of Playground Commissioners created or constituted in any city of this State, in order to provide the funds, in whole or in part, necessary to improve, maintain and police the playgrounds or recreation places under its control, shall have the power and authority to arrange and provide for the giving of out-door exhibitions, concerts, games and contests, and the power and authority to use and employ the said playgrounds or recreation places for the purpose of giving thereon outdoor exhibitions, concerts, games and contests, and said board shall have the power and authority to charge and collect a reasonable admission fee for each person entering such playground or recreation place, during the time or times when the same is being used or employed for such purpose; provided, however, that the said board shall not use or employ any such playground or recreation place for such purpose for a greater period than eight hours in any week, nor on more than two days in any one week, and when any such playground or recreation place is used for such purpose no admission fee shall be charged or collected from children under twelve years of age.

Approved April 7, 1909.

(CHAPTER 60, SESSION OF 1909.)

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of public playgrounds in cities of this State, and for the maintenance, control and management thereof," approved May seventh, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

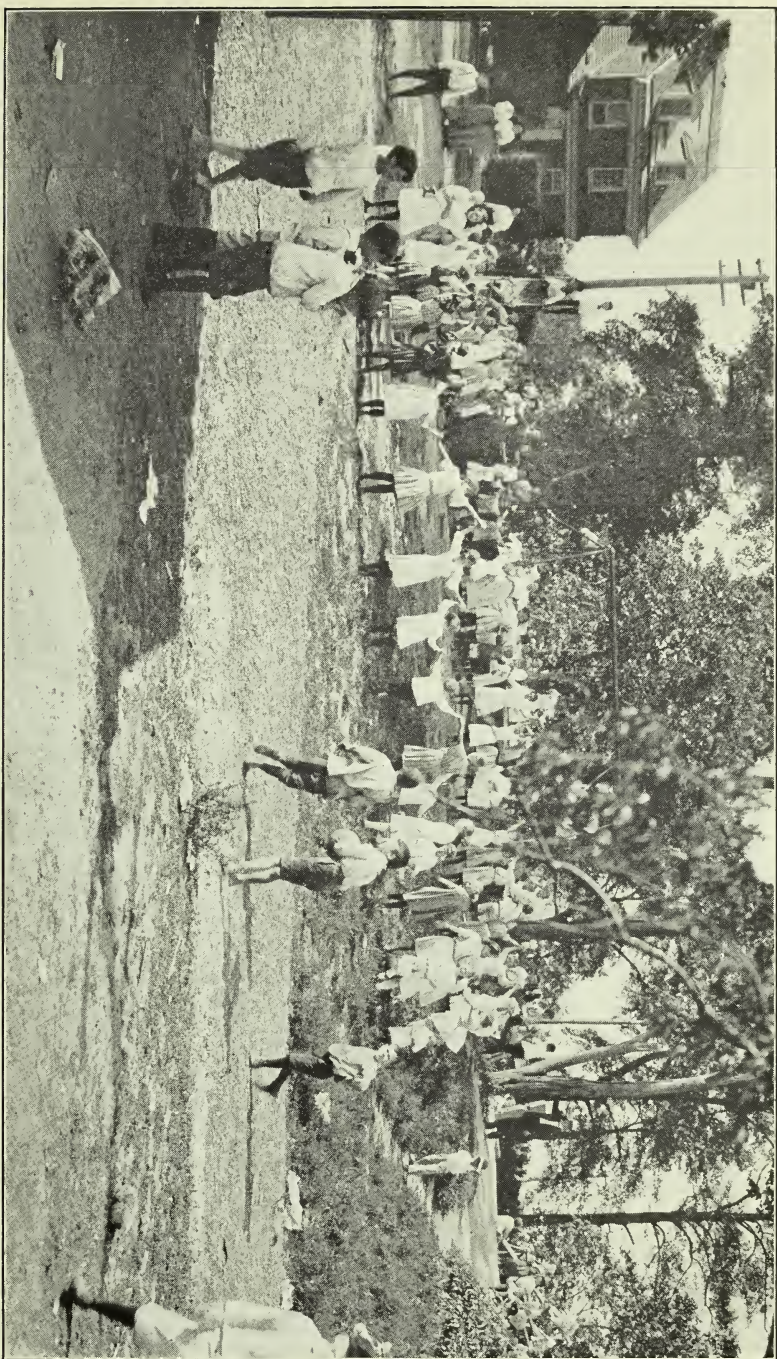
BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The first section of the act to which this is amendatory is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

1. In any city of this State the mayor of such city may, in his discretion, appoint not more than five fit and suitable persons, citizens and residents of such city, who shall be confirmed by the common council or other governing body of such city, as commissioners of playgrounds, and who shall constitute and be known as the Board of Playground Commissioners of such city. The commissioners first appointed under this act in any city shall hold office for the term of one, two and three years, as fixed and designated by the mayor in their respective appointments, and after the first appointments such commissioners shall be appointed for the full term of three years; vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term only. They shall not receive any salary or other compensation for their services.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved April 7, 1909.



PYNE POYNT PLAYGROUND—GIRLS' SECTION

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